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Now we're coming in with a concept to establish what I would call a short-term or a temporary disability benefit, not a permanent disability benefit but a short-term temporary disability benefit. This is an entirely new concept in this particular area. Before the concept was permanent. I think you can always have problems legally and medically with what is permanent disability. The words "permanent disability" leaves a lot to conjecture.

Now I have gotten a new, accurate fiscal impact on this. The cost to the state, for picking up this temporary disability benefit, will be \$1.7 million. The counties also pick up 20 percent of the cost. The cost to the counties is \$161,000. I have serious reservations, at this time, as to whether we want to put on another \$161,000 of expenses at the county level which, as we hear over and over again, are being strained over their mill levy for a completely new concept, a short-term, temporary disability concept as opposed to a permanent disability concept.

I would urge that you look at this very closely. We're introducing an entirely new concept on disability benefits. We're also passing 20 percent of this cost on to our county governments.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: I don't quite understand why these aren't in the book. I got ahold of the, as I understand, the latest fiscal notes. The 90 day deal would amount to \$2½ million, roughly, General Fund money. The amendment would reduce this to, I'm now talking about state money, \$1,729,000. The counties would put up \$161,000.

I understand when the federal government took over this program they guaranteed to solve the problems, but they used national standards. The national standards are one year. Some states, and I have no information on the percentage, some states stayed with the one year and some states are proposing to deviate as this bill does.

Now that's all the information I have so far on it. With the amendment General Funding impact is \$1,729,000.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Further discussion? Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I think the arguments of Senator Dworak were typical of him and certainly didn't address the problem. What Senator Dworak said was we used to do this under the six month plan, now the feds have gone to the year, and that's a super savings for us. The people of the state ought to delight in the fact that now we have people that are disabled, under no fault of their own, and they can't get relief for a year from that catastrophic circumstance. That's tremendous. That's the greatest thing since sliced bread, according to Senator Dworak.